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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that L.C. Graves, 35, Madison, was sentenced Tuesday, April 29, by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 188 months in prison for possession of 500 grams of cocaine with intent to distribute. Judge Crabb also sentenced Graves to an additional five years in prison, to be served consecutively, for possessing two firearms in furtherance of his drug activity. Graves pleaded guilty to these charges on February 15, 2008.

On June 15, 2007, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Graves's residence in Madison where they recovered over 500 grams of cocaine, two handguns, digital scales, and \$15,700 in cash. Included within the currency was \$1,600 that was previously used by a police informant to purchase cocaine from Graves on June 11, 2007.

The charges against Graves were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation- Narcotics Bureau, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task

Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul
Connell.

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